

Road Commissioner's Report

Major progress was made during 2006 on some lingering road issues. The most significant expenditure was on Seal Point Road. Prior to re-paving nearly the



entire length of the town road, significant drainage work took place with replacement of rotted culverts. The new culverts are made of plastic and should last significantly longer. Following the paving project the shoulders were graded to promote runoff into the ditches. Over the years the sand from plowing had built up small berms that prevented the water from leaving the road shoulders, which in turn causes damage to the paved surface. The paving project also

put another layer on top of the section rebuilt in 1995. Only two inches of pavement was placed initially. The new layer and shim will greatly strengthen the surface.

More shoulder maintenance efforts were accomplished on Needles Eye Road, Asa's Lane, Marlboro Beach Road, Lorimer Road and Maxwell Avenue. Jay Fowler was the low bidder for the shoulder maintenance work. The Fowler crew also replaced a pair of rotted culverts on Buttermilk Road, smoothing out the ride a bit on the Lamoine end. Richard J. King's crew placed a new culvert at the intersection of Birchlawn Drive and Buttermilk Road, eliminating the huge hump at that intersection.

There was some emergency work – all accomplished by the Volunteer Fire Department which removed trees during some fierce wind storms. This kept traffic flowing, and private contractors were hired to remove the debris by chipping it from the road side. A major limb and dead tree cleanup effort on the roadside was carried out on most of the roads in town.

During 2007, provided town meeting approves the funding, we plan to put new pavement down on Lorimer Road, Maxwell Avenue and Marlboro Beach Road. The latter two roads were last paved in 1993. We hope to also continue the work to grade up the road shoulders to achieve proper drainage.

Our thanks to Nankervis Trucking in anticipation of successful completion of the plowing contract. As of year's end the next 3-year contract is being put out to bid.

Dennis Ford, Road Commissioner